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SUBJ: HONDURAS - EL SALVADOR RELATIONS

1. DURING MY CALL ON FONMIN BORGONOVO APROL 22, I REFERRED TO ACAN-EFE ITEMS IN THE LOCAL PRESS ABOUT HONDURAN FONMIN PERDOMO'S REPORT TO THE NATION ON THE STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS WITH EL SALVADOR.
 2. BORGONOVO INFORMED ME HE HAD BEEN IN FREQUENT TELEPHONIC CONTACT WITH PERDOMO AS A MEANS OF KEEPING THE DIALOGUE GOING AND ASSURING THAT ANY OFFICIAL PUBLIC STATEMENTS ON EITHER SIDE WOULD BE COORDINATED AND CALCULATED TO CONTINUE THE FAVORABLE CLIMATE AND MOMENTUM FOR NEGOTIATIONS. THUS, BORGONOVO KNEW BEFOREHAND WHAT PERDOMO PROPOSED TO SAY AND WAS ABLE TO OFFER USEFUL SUGGESTIONS. BASED ON THE PRESS REPORTS, BORGONOVO CONSIDERED PERDOMO'S REPORT TO BE A POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION.
 3. BORGONOVO CLARIFIED TO ME THAT HE AND PERDOMO HAD REACHED AN UNDERSTANDING IN PRINCIPLE FOR SETTLEMENT OF THE BOUNDARY DISPUTE IN THE SEVERAL POCKETS OF CONFLICTING CLAIMS. THIS INCLUDES THE CONCEPT THAT THERE WOULD BE NO EVACUATION OF POPULATION (I.E., NO TRANSFER OF POPULATED TERRITORY TRADITIONALLY HELD AND ADMINISTERED BY EITHER OF THE PARTIES). HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS WOULD FIRST BE UTILIZED TO DETERMINE OWNERSHIP. WHERE BOTH SIDES
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HAD SUCH DOCUMENTS AND THEIR EXAMINATION FAILED TO RESOLVE

CONFLICTING CLAIMS, THE TEST OF TRADITIONAL ADMINISTRATION WOULD THEN BE APPLIED TO DETERMINE OWNERSHIP.

4. COMMENT: THE CONTENTS OF PARAGRAPH THREE SHOULD BE PARTICULARLY PROTECTED IN VIEW OF THEIR DELICATE NATURE.
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